

The Farmers' Institute.

MR. EDITOR:—Pursuant to your request I will try to give your readers a short sketch of the Farmers' Institute held in Boone on last Saturday.

The first speaker was State Horticulturalist Humes. To say that he is an entertaining speaker is simply to reiterate what I heard so many say on that occasion. The gist of his talk before noon was "Building up worn out lands," and if there is any one thing more than another that we need to know this is surely it. He impressed it up on us that humus—which we all know means vegetable matter of any sort—is the one thing needful to get into our soils. He also made it very plain that deep plowing is necessary to conserve moisture for our present crops as well as to deepen the soil, by bringing up, say an inch or two, of sub-soil each season. Some of the gentlemen present were fearful that deep plowing on our steep hill sides would be the cause of great loss of soil by washing rains, but Prof. Hume only smiled at this. He said that the deep plowing was the one and only thing that would keep this soil from washing away, by loosening the soil to such a depth that the water could soak in thereby saving the soil and moisture that would otherwise go off. The soil in the woods is very loose and porous and no matter how steep did you ever know it to wash away?

He also told us that we should grow cow peas to bring up our land. At this there was a suppressed murmur all over the house which caused him to stop and look about him in amazement until our friend H. A. Davis explained to him that we could not grow cow peas in our high, cold climate—whereupon Mr. Salmon, to the astonishment of all, for we know him to be a truthful gentleman, said that he had grown cow peas here on his New River farm to perfection; that they got thoroughly ripe. He was the only farmer in the house who had attained even a reasonable success with them, although nearly all had tried them.

In the afternoon the same gentleman took for his subject "The old orchard," and although his time was very limited he made some suggestions and demonstrated some facts that if followed by our people would put many thousands of dollars into their pockets annually. Did you have trees in your orchard this season that did not have a full crop of leaves and what few there were commenced to spot and turn yellow and then drop off? He says such trees need cultivating. Dig around them, put ashes and stable manure about them and the next year you will see a great difference. No tree can have fruit without leaves. Do you have small, wormy, knotty fruit? If so, this gentleman says your trees should be sprayed which would stop all that besides clearing them of all moss or fungus growths. Then, besides, he told us numbers of other facts about things which every farmer should know, and the great pity is

that every man who tills the soil in Watauga county could not have heard this most thoroughly practical discourse.

As it was, a large number of the best farmers and most intelligent of our people were in attendance and the speakers expressed themselves as being highly gratified at the goodly number and great interests.

Mr. Editor, as I know your space is limited and that you must have something else in your paper besides the Institute proceedings, and as I have not touched on Mr. Parker's or Mr. Meecham's talks, with your kind permission I shall conclude this article next week.

JOHN S. WILLIAMS.

Five Persons Bitten By Mad Dog.

Lee Waters, Herndon Laney and Milton Story, white, and Ed Dula and Eliza Michaux, colored, were all bitten by a mad dog Tuesday.

Watters and Laney were seriously bitten about the arms and hands and left on the afternoon train Tuesday for Baltimore to take the Pasteur treatment.

The others are not so seriously bitten. Eliza Michaux went to Richmond Wednesday to take the Pasteur treatment. It is thought the others are in no danger, as they were only bruised through the clothing and the teeth of the dog did not come in contact with the flesh. A young man named Sides, in Hickory was bitten Monday, evidently by the same dog.

The dog was killed near Patterson and brought to town, but owing to the incident to an examination of the head and evidence of the dog having rabies being so conclusive, no examination was made. Mayor Poe, as a matter of precaution, gave immediate orders that all dogs found at large in the town, without muzzle, should be killed. In the enforcement of this order several dogs have been killed.

[Milton Story referred to above, is a son of Mr. George Story, of Aho, this county. He brought his son to Dr. Jones in Boone on Wednesday night of last week for examination, and as the flesh on his arm had only been bruised through the clothing by the teeth of the dog, the Doctor decided that he was in no danger.—DEMOCRAT.]

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Letter from St. John, Washington:

MR. EDITOR: As I am a Watauga boy and used to work in your office, I would be glad to have space for a short letter.

This part of the West is a great wheat country. You can look in every direction, and as far as the eye can see is wheat. I went through harvest with Mr. Joseph Hagaman, a man well known in Watauga. He had a large crop—about six hundred acres. Wheat is not as good this year as common, but he will make from ten to twelve thousand bushels. Mr. Hagaman runs his own header. A header is a machine that clips the heads from the wheat and it is pushed by eight horses.

It sure is nice to see harvesting going on in this great wheat belt. It takes 24 head of horses and 8 men to compose a harvesting crew. The price of wheat is very good this year; it runs from 65 to 70 cents per bushel.

Well, the threshing machines are singing on every side now. Mr. Hagaman has a threshing machine also that cost four thousand dollars. It gives eighteen men employment, and the wages paid are good—from \$2.50 to \$4.00 per day. They thresh from 2,500 to 3,000 bushels per day.

The dust is simply awful—about six inches deep, and we haven't had any rain since June. On last Sunday we had a dust storm, the worst ever seen in the west.

You will also find enclosed check for which please send me one dollar's worth of good old Watauga news to St. John, Washington.

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The Central Carolina Fair will be held at Greensboro October 10-13, inclusive. One of the great features will be the poultry show. Last year there were close to two thousand entries and this year it promises to be larger.

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As mad dogs have become so numerous in some of the counties, would it not be acting wisely for our town and county authorities to take some steps to rid us of the hord of dogs in Watauga?

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BANK STATEMENT.

Following is a report of the condition of the Bank of Blowing Rock at the close of business Aug. 25, 1905:

RESOURCES:
Loans and discounts, \$3,411.85.
Overdrafts unsecured, 53.84.
Banking house and fixtures, 2,091.02.
Due from banks and bankers, 3,558.30.
Gold coin, 215.00.
Silver coin, including all minor coin currency, 160.36.
National bank notes and other U. S. notes, 701.00.
Expenses, 598.31.
Total, \$10,789.68.

LIABILITIES:
Capital stock, \$4,550.00.
Deposits subject to check, 6,039.68.
Due to banks and bankers, 200.00.
Total, \$10,789.68.
State of North Carolina, Watauga county s s: I, Chester Bishop, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
CHESTER BISHOP, Cashier.
Correct—Attest: W. G. Hall, W. L. Hoshouser, C. J. Parlier, Directors.
Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 5th day of Sept. 1905.
J. B. Clarke, Notary Public.

NOTICE.

By virtue of an order of the Superior Court of Watauga county appointing the undersigned commissioners to sell the lands described in the petition in this cause, we will, at George Story's store at Aho post office, in said county of Watauga, on Friday, the 7th day of Oct., 1905, offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder the lands described in the petition in the special proceedings, entitled, David L. Horton et al. ex parte as follows, to wit:

First tract, lying on the south side of Dugger's Knob, on Triplett's branch of Buffalo creek, beginning on a pine, chestnut and chestnut oak on the ridge between said branch and Joe's Fork, running north 40 poles to two chestnuts and a locust, then east 15 poles, thence north 40 poles, thence east 65 poles, thence south 110 poles, thence west 80 poles, thence 50 poles to the beginning 50 acres more or less, being grant No. 47, granted to David E. Horton Jan. 3rd 1851.

Second tract granted to David E. Horton by grant No. 2162, on 24th day of Dec. 1836. This land lies in what was formerly Ashe county, on the waters of New River, now Watauga county. Beginning on a chestnut on top of Blue Ridge, in the old county line and near the Big Gap, and runs north 77 poles to a stake then west 126 poles, crossing a branch to a stake, then south 49 poles to a chestnut in the old county line, then with the meanders of the county line to the beginning, containing 50 acres.

Third tract: Granted to David E. Horton on Dec. 28th, 1854, by grant No. 458, on waters of Joe's Fork, branch of Buffalo Creek; beginning on a chestnut tree in the Low Gap of the Blue Ridge, a corner of David E. Horton's 50 acre tract running west 40 poles to a chestnut, near the top of said ridge, then running south 56 poles to a stooping black oak then east with said line 40 poles to a stake corner, then north 22 poles to a maple, his corner, then east 56 poles to a stake then north 99 poles to a stake, thence west 36 poles to a stake, thence south 25 poles to a stake, thence 12 poles to a stake, thence to the beginning, containing 50 acres more or less.

Fourth tract: Granted to Edmund W. W. by grant No. 203, and conveyed by him to David E. Horton by deed dated Jan. 15th, '55, lying on Joe's Fork of Buffalo creek, beginning on a chestnut on the side of the road leading from Lenoir to Ashe county, and runs east 20 a chestnut on a cliff of rocks, thence South six poles to a stake on the creek bank, thence South 40° east down and with the meanders of said creek 100 poles to a poplar and ash on the west bank of said creek, thence west 82 poles to a stake, then to the beginning containing 25 acres; Terms of sale 20 per cent cash; 40 per cent on a credit of 3 m's. balance in 6 mos. with approved security. This Sept. 4, 1905.

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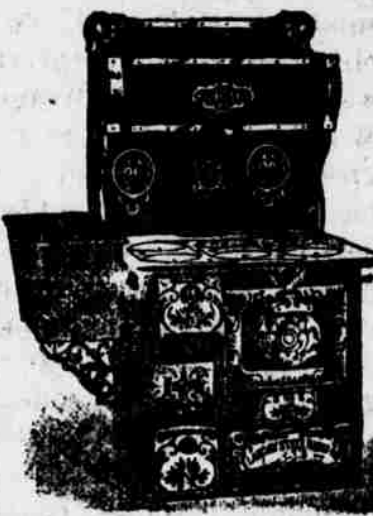
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